

UNI Social Work Advisory Council Minutes
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 12-1 p.m. via zoom

Community Members:

Addictions Prevention and Treatment - Jordan Dunn/Pathways

Criminal Justice System - Brian Sedgwick,/Juvenile Court Services

Medical/Health Care – Lilly Sauer/MercyOne NE Iowa **(NEW MEMBER!)**

Persons with Disabilities - Melody Moser/Cedar Valley Community Support Services

Mental Health Services - Tom Eachus/UnityPoint BHGMH

Social Work Department Faculty and Staff -Rebecca Dickinson/MSW Program Director;
Lane Foresman; Libby Fry/BSW Program Director; Sei-Young Lee; Angelica Velazquillo
Franco; Itunu Ilesanmi; Jenny Becker/Director of Field Instruction, Carissa Froyum/Interim
Department Head for 2025-2026 academic year

Not in attendance:

Aging/Gerontology - Juli Hermanstorfer/Friendship Village

Educational Settings - Jessica Klahsen/District School Social Worker

Persons with Disabilities - April Kiefer/County Social Services

Mental Health Services - Aaron Culley/Candeo Counseling Center

Matt Vasquez – UNI faculty

I. Social Work Department Program Updates

A. Department Head

- 1. Interim Department Head for 2025-2026 academic year - Carissa Froyum (Professor of Sociology)
- 2. Search approved for Fall 2026 start date

B. Accreditation Update

- 1. February 2031 Reaffirmation schedule
- 2. Self-study will be due April 1, 2030 (data collection the academic year before)
- 3. Site Visit will take place between September 15, 2030 – October 15, 2030.

II. BSW Program Updates

A. Enrollment

- 1. Approx. 200 pre and full social work majors
- 2. 20 Social Welfare Minors, 25 Child Welfare Certificates, 25 Addictions Treatment Certificates
- 3. Discontinuing Child Welfare Certificate due to duplication of programing on campus
- 4. Pathway for undergraduates to become Certified Nonprofit Professional
- 5. Addictions Treatment
 - a. Allows for students to work towards CADC/IBC Certificate (Jordan)
 - b. Removing internship requirement to open it up to other UNI students.

B. Collaboration between Department of Nursing & Public Health and Social Work to put on Hearing Voices simulation – 2-hour immersive experience of what it is like to hear voices, sold out in 2 days, hope to offer it again

C. CSWE providing guidance federal executive orders. See more here: <https://www.cswe.org/news/newsroom/cswe-statement-on-federal-executive-orders/>. Social Work Department continues with program as is currently.

III. MSW Program Updates

- A. Piloting 1-year online MSW program, first cohort starts Summer 2025
- B. Foundation continues to be offered online, part-time but enrollment is a concern
- C. Proposed 2-year MSW Foundation hybrid program that would start Fall 2026
- D. Dual Graduate program discussions in progress: MSW/Public Policy, MSW/Women & Gender Studies, MSW/Philanthropy, MSW/ Recreation, Tourism and Nonprofit Leadership

IV. Field Program Updates

A. Some impact on agencies serving immigrant/refugee populations, resettlement services in particular.

B. Field Partners

- 1. Cedar Valley – 109 sites
- 2. Iowa - 576 sites
- 3. 20 states with 77 sites

C. Anticipated interns for 2025-2026 Academic Year

BSW (400-600 hours)	MSW Foundation (400 hours)	MSW Specialization/Adv Standing (500 hours)
Summer 2025 - 31 Spring 2026 - 52	Fall 2025-Spring 2026 - 16	Cohort #1 (online F and Adv) - 18 Cohort #2 (online 1 year) - 24 Cohort #3 (in person 1 year) - 22

V. Other

A. Trauma Informed Care Conference – April 4, 2025, Zoom, 9-4:30, 6 SW CEUs

B. SW Ethics Training – September 25, 2025 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., UNI, 3 SW CEUs

Next Advisory Council Meeting – Fall 2025, Wednesday, 12-1 p.m. via zoom